

## BOWSER LIVES ON

Although Folks Thought His Time Had Come.

## HIS ALARMING SYMPTOMS.

What Happened to His Wife, the Tramp, the Cat, et al.—But His Unprecedented Attack Proved to Be Only a Temporary Seizure.

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WHEN Mr. Bowser came up from the office the other evening he had an air about him that puzzled Mrs. Bowser. He was quiet and subdued and yet pleasant. He had found the cat gone, but he did not mention the fact. He had noticed an old can on the steps, where some boy had thrown it, but he did not jump up and down and take on about it.

At the dinner table he praised the coffee and steak and suggested to Mrs. Bowser that the cook's wages be raised. A tramp called while dinner was in progress and talked loudly and impudently to the cook at the door. Mrs. Bowser expected to see a rush on Mr. Bowser's part, followed by a body being heaved over the fence, but nothing



"THEN TAKE THIS QUARTER TO ENCOURAGE YOU."

of the kind took place. A big sandwich and a dime in cash were sent out to the tramp.

"You will have to order coal in the morning," said Mrs. Bowser after a bit.

"Very well, my dear."

No springing up and shouting that she had been selling the coal out of spite—no charges that it had been poked down rat holes in the cellar.

"During the rain today I saw that the kitchen roof leaked."

"I will have a man up here tomorrow."

No roaring and shouting. No declaring that Mrs. Bowser had been galloping around on the roof in order to do all the damage possible. Not a word about being on the road to the poorhouse.

## THROW TURK FIRST, FRANK GOTCH TELLS FOREIGN GRAPPLERS



Then next challenger to wrestle Champion Frank Gotch will first have to beat Yusuf Mahmoud, the Egyptian, who has been a sort of a pest to the American wrestlers in this country, most of whom have expressed a desire to meet him for the title.

"I am tired of wrestling with every fellow who thinks, just because he is big and strong, that he can trim me," said Gotch. "I believe Mahmoud to be the best of the whole gang. The man who throws him can get a match with me; nobody else."

"I do not have to wrestle for a living. I have earned a neat little fortune since I have been in the game, but I think I am far from a dead one. I want to see some of the American wrestlers develop so that when I get ready to step down and out the title will not go across the pond."

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"In cleaning house today the cook somehow broke a rocker off a chair."

"It had been loose for a long time," said Bowser.

Mrs. Bowser was perturbed. That wasn't the way for Mr. Bowser to act. He was a lion instead of a lamb. Had he heard of the death of a relative? Had some doctor told him that both lungs were gone? Had he lost a lot of money?

On a Mission of Peace.

Mr. Bowser usually drops his napkin on the floor and shoves his chair back with a scrape when a meal is finished, but on this occasion the napkin was rolled and the chair gently handled as he quietly said:

"I am going out for a little while this evening, and I hope you won't be lonesome."

"Going to a club?"

"No. I have about concluded that it's a very selfish thing for a husband to belong to three or four clubs. His place of an evening is home with his wife. I just want to walk around a bit."

"If you are in trouble let me know."

"No trouble, dear. Everything is O. K."

Mr. Bowser hadn't been drinking root beer and there was nothing in his bearing to show that he was losing his mind, but Mrs. Bowser followed him to the door and wondered if she would ever see him alive again.

On the corner was a tramp waiting to strike some one for a dime. He started for Mr. Bowser, but recognizing him, fell back to the fence. Two months ago he had rung the front doorbell to ask for old clothes and had been chased ten blocks.

"Did you wish to speak to me?" asked Mr. Bowser as he halted.

"None."

"You are hard up?"

"I'm on my uppers."

"While you look hard up, you at the same time strike me as an honest man."

"I'm all that, sir."

"Then take this quarter to encourage you."

The Tramp's Collapse.

The tramp fell back against the fence and gasped and choked, and it was fully five minutes before he could head for the saloon on the corner.

Mr. Bowser's family druggist stood at his store door. He got ready to say something mean, as the two have

never been in agreement, and he was therefore shocked out when Mr. Bowser extended his hand and said:

"We don't want to lose one of the best druggists in the city, but we are going to nominate and elect you to the legislature. You are a gentleman, sir, and an honest man. I shall take off my coat and work for your election."

The druggist was too dumfounded to reply, and Mr. Bowser went on. At the next corner he slipped and jostled an old woman with a basket. She had opened her mouth to give him fits when off came his hat and he bowed and said:

"Lady, I beg of you to excuse the accident. It was unavoidable on my part."

"Lady," she echoed. "The good man takes me for a duchess," said the woman to herself as Mr. Bowser passed on.

"But he's kind hearted and a gentleman, and I won't hurt his feelings by calling him back and explaining that I do family wash by the dozen and don't use any acid to loosen up the dirt."

Chasing the Copper.

On the corner was a policeman. He had a downcast look, and Mr. Bowser walked up to him and said:

"I think there are enough of us around here to get you promoted to roundsman."

"But—but—"

"And then to a sergeantcy. We have had our eyes on you for some time, and we like the way you do your duty."

"But six weeks ago, because I had to jerk a drunk around rather lively, you threatened to have me bounced."

"Just my impulsive way, you know. Didn't mean a thing by it. Hope to see you captain in a year from now. Continue right on, my good friend."

The next was the dairyman. He had been told that Mr. Bowser had charged him with selling sour milk and other grave things, and his jaw was set and he was ready for a row when there came an extended hand and the words:

"Good evening, Brown. Glad to see you looking so chipper. Was told today that you were never so prosperous."

"That's right, that's right. Best cream, milk and butter in the town. I wouldn't order from any one else."

"But you said I sold sour milk for sweet."

"Pooh, man, pooh. Little joke of mine. Don't mind it. Hope to see you aidman of the ward next spring."

Not a Case For an M. D.

When Mr. Bowser got back home he was more smiling and good natured than ever. As he sat with the cat in his lap and stroked her back and called her fond names Mrs. Bowser was trying to figure things out. She suggested ginger tea, but Mr. Bowser laughed. She hinted that he might go around and see the family doctor and ask him what he thought of Fat's vetoes, but the seed fell on barren soil.

Mr. Bowser continued to be good. His smile didn't come off. He hugged the cat and bade her good night as he went to bed, and he didn't cuss a cuss when his collar button bothered for five minutes. There was a tear in Mrs. Bowser's eye when she fell asleep. She might wake up a widow. But she didn't. She awoke to happiness and to the real living, breathing Bowser, who was out of bed and exclaiming in his good old hearty way:

"By the great horn spoon, but you must have got up in the night and thrown my socks out of the window to a tramp! I've looked around for more'n an hour and I can't find hole or hair of them."

"Why, you've got 'em on your feet," replied Mrs. Bowser as a glad smile came to her face.

## HEART AND HOME TALKS BY BARBARA ROYD

## Christmas in the Heart

WE are all happy today. We look about us at the gifts piled on chairs and tables and sofas and mantels and wherever we can put them, and there is a warm glow at our hearts, as we think how much our friends care for us. We smile on every one. We shake hands with unusual fervor. We wish everybody happiness and good cheer and prosperity. We even feel a longing to take home the raggedest, dirtiest beggar we meet and give him a good dinner, so thoroughly does the spirit of love and good-will possess us.

But alas! with the most of us, this feeling of joy endures but for a day, or at the best, for a few days. Then, it fades; and we drop back into our humdrum jog trot. The glow has gone, the rose hue has faded. Life is once more commonplace; perhaps, a grind.

But can't we keep this joy, or at least some of it, as an undercurrent in our lives all the year through? Why can't we have a little Christmas tune singing in our hearts every day of the three hundred and sixty-five?

Perhaps we could, if we would build right into our consciousness, the great truths that underlie Christmas; and not revel only in the mere superficial observance of the day—the gift-giving, the glow of good-will that burns brightly, but dies out all the more quickly because of its very heat.

For it is the great truth that underlies Christmas that after all its foundation, the cause of its being, its real joy-giving power. But we are apt to give little thought to them in the more conventional observance of the day that has crept in. We feast and make merry today; and tomorrow, we have indignation, both physical and financial. The joy wears away, and perchance the gloom creeps in.

But the real Christmas is of another order. It is a sure knowledge of the wonderful truths the great Teacher came to make known; it is taking these truths for our own, resting on them, building them into our consciousness, realizing for always, the joy that their possession gives.

For if we believe, without shadow of turning, that we are immortal now; that now is part of eternity; that we simply go on from this experience to some bigger and more wonderful experience and knowledge; that infinite good and love are all; that we are part of them and share their fruits, surely such knowledge is joy-giving. And the joy that is ours when we rest on this knowledge is the purest, the keenest, that mortals can know.

And the strange, or rather wonderful part of it is, that if we let these truths become a part of our lives, if we really build them into our consciousness until they are part of us, we begin to reap their fruits. Good does come to us in myriad forms. Trouble and sorrow melt away; for when good is all, there is no room for aught else. And thus they prove themselves to be the truths which the great Teacher, whose birth inaugurated Christmas, taught they were.

And it is these facts that are the underlying joy of Christmas whose superficial expression we see in the gift-giving and the good-will of the day. And it is these truths which, if we would really make our own, a real part of us, would give us a deep, steady, undisturbed current of joy that would make all our life a glad Christmas season.

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## An Electric Maid in the Kitchen.

AT times it is inspiring to know just what the world is doing in the way of progress. And though we may not be able to move in step with it, still it does us good to know it is moving along at a brisk, lively pace. And sometimes by knowing what is being done, we can so order our lives as to be eventually in a position to take advantage of the new and helpful that is continually coming to light.

In no realm perhaps, has there been such a development along the lines of helpful inventiveness as in the fields of household tasks. Here, one form after another of hard, disagreeable and monotonous work has been vanquished until now, housekeeping if it is done in a thoroughly modern and scientific way is little more than pressing a button here, and turning on an electric current there. If a woman can take advantage of these modern aids, by all means she should do so; and even if she cannot, it is inspiring to know the world is moving in the direction of eliminating drudgery from woman's field of labor. And as has been said, by knowing these things, perhaps she can so bend her energies, as to be in a position sooner or later to avail herself of them.

The greatest aid a woman has today in her work is electricity. It is taking the place of the maid in the kitchen, and is doing the household work in a much more cleanly and economical fashion.

A combination washing machine and wringer comes today with an electrical attachment that so operates that a woman has little to do, but to put the clothes in, start it to working, and occasionally adjust them. There is no hard work about it at all. There is head work in adjusting it, but the back-breaking rubbing is gone. One can sit and read a book, or go about other tasks while the machine works, occasionally shifting the clothes, or guiding them through the wringer. But that is all. Think of the difference between this and the old-time method.

With an electric iron, all the tramping back and forth is done away with. Indeed, one can arrange a chair at the right height and sit down comfortably to iron.

The vacuum cleaner has banished sweeping, one of the most disagreeable and wearisome tasks in the household routine.

Little motors come now to attach to sewing machines, so that all there is to do is to guide the material. No exertion is required to run the machine.

Delicious coffee can be made right on the table with an electric percolator. For that matter, many little devices come for cooking simple dishes at the table, so that the modern breakfast can almost be prepared after the family have assembled around the board.

With an electric range and paper-bag cookery, getting an elaborate dinner is a much easier proposition than formerly.

One of the most helpful arrangements is an electrical cabinet for the kitchen. Here, within small compass, are an ice cream freezer, meat chopper, coffee grinder, and other helps of this character, all arranged so that an electric current can be attached to each, and they will all work away merrily at their several tasks while the house mistress is busy about something else.

One can easily see the saving in time and energy all this means to the manager of the home. And it is not expensive. For a half cent each a washing machine can be operated for ten minutes, a vacuum cleaner for fifteen minutes, an electric iron for fifteen minutes, and other things in the same proportion. So you see, it will not cost much to wash and iron and sweep and perform other household tasks by electricity. And the saving of time and strength has its value.

Not only have all these inventions come to the aid of the housewife, but now there are small electric plants that can be installed in any home to generate electricity. So that if the house is so situated that it cannot be wired from some outside source, the householder can get up the apparatus in his cellar, and make his own electricity at a small expenditure for gasoline, alcohol, kerosene, or whatever his motive power may be. If he has water power, he needs nothing but the machinery.

The world moves and we may rejoice that ours is the age when it is moving rapidly toward comfort and ease in living.

Barbara Royd.

## REVIVAL MEETING AT KIRKPATRICK

Kirkpatrick, O., Dec. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Carmean were the guests of Emanuel Reeder and family Tuesday.

Mrs. Welcome Luellen and children of Cleveland are the guests of Jacob Linn and family.

Mrs. L. E. Weir, Mrs. Jessie Daugherty and daughter Dorothy, Mrs. Amos Reamsmeyer and Miss Hazel Neal were Marion shoppers Tuesday.

The Christian Ladies Aid society gave an oyster supper at the home of Charley Clutter Thursday evening.

The schools of this vicinity closed Friday for the holiday vacation.

Master Donn Murray Baker was the guest of Mrs. Shirley Carmean, Wednesday.

Quite a number from this vicinity attended the Henry Barringer sale Thursday.

Mrs. John Slagle is on the sick list. Edwin Weir was the guest of G. W. Neal and family Tuesday.

Revival meetings are still being held at the M. E. church. Rev. John Watson of Chicago is still laboring in leading the gospel songs. The pastor is preaching the great truths from night to night but many are putting salvation off and the meetings are coming to a close and each night opportunities are passing by. May the Christian people be more deeply in prayer and rally to bring this lost community to Christ.

A natural gas well in Alberta, Canada, has tapped an enormous supply and is now running 29,000,000 cubic feet a day. It eclipses in volume anything hitherto found on this continent.

Every Woman is interested and should know about the wonderful MARVEL Whirling Spray. The new "Vaginal Syringe" is a most effective and delicate instrument for the treatment of all gynecological ailments. It is a most effective and delicate instrument for the treatment of all gynecological ailments. It is a most effective and delicate instrument for the treatment of all gynecological ailments.

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## SEEN AT NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEET



C.F. BROOKER  
CONN.



D.R. HANNA  
OHIO

Dan R. Hanna, son of the late Senator Mark L. Hanna, of Ohio, and C. F. Brooker, of Connecticut, were two prominent figures at the Washington meeting of the Republican national committee. Hanna was strong in his support of Ohio state Chairman Brown, who openly denounced the flag of treason in the faces of the traitor, Brooker. He was chosen as chairman of the committee to devise rules and regulations for the committee.

## Finger Mashed.

Virgil Booth, an employee in the chipping room at the Marion Steam Shovel shops, got a finger on his hand badly mashed Thursday, a little before eight o'clock. Ousting fell on the finger while he was at work. Booth was taken to the St. John's hospital, where the member was dressed and he will be able to return to work within a few days.

If you want to see the prettiest Xmas wreaths in town stop at Black's. They have the largest assortment and also the best at low prices.

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## Left Hand Mashed.

C. L. Hart while working in the erecting room of the Marion Steam Shovel Thursday, got the small finger on the left hand badly mashed. He was taken to the hospital and Dr. Herman Hild dressed the injured hand.

Good wreaths for graves that will last can be found at Black's, 126 W. Center street.

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## Pulitzer Becomes Trustee.

New York, Dec. 22.—It was announced today that through the voluntary resignation of Justice Harrington Putnam, Ralph Pulitzer, eldest son of the late Joseph Pulitzer, is to become trustee of the newspaper properties left by his father. When the Pulitzer will was probated, it was announced that, through a mistake of attorney's clerk, the name of Ralph Pulitzer had been omitted from the list of executors.

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